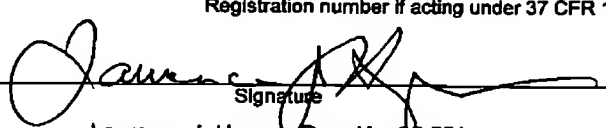


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <div style="text-align: center;"> <b>FY 2005</b>  <small>(fees effective on or after October 1, 2004)</small> </div>		Docket Number (Optional) 018048-001110US																									
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<p>This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.</p> <p>The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):</p> <table style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:40%;"></th> <th style="width:15%; text-align: center;"><u>Fee</u></th> <th style="width:15%; text-align: center;"><u>Small Entity Fee</u></th> <th style="width:30%;"></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$110</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$55</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$430</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$215</td> <td>\$ <u>215</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$980</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$490</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$1630</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$765</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$2080</td> <td style="text-align: center;">\$1040</td> <td>\$ _____</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number <u>20-1430</u>. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.</p> <p><b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b></p> <p>I am the <input type="checkbox"/> applicant/inventor.</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).</p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent of record. Registration Number <u>35,551</u></p> <p style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.  Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 20px;"> <div style="width: 60%;">   <div style="text-align: center;"> Signature  <b>Laurence J. Hyman, Reg. No. 35,551</b>  Typed or printed name </div> </div> <div style="width: 35%; text-align: center;"> November 4, 2004  Date  415/576 0200  Telephone Number </div> </div> <p style="font-size: small; margin-top: 10px;">NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Total of _____ forms are submitted.</p>					<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$110	\$55	\$ _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$430	\$215	\$ <u>215</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$980	\$490	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1630	\$765	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2080	\$1040	\$ _____
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